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## from the EDITOR'S CHAIR

### SPARE THOSE FALLS!

We note that there is a move afoot to renovate or even rebuild Niagara Falls. Somebody in power doesn't like the way old Niagara is changing its own looks and wants to prettify it to his own satisfaction.

As an unreconstructed advocate of letting Nature handle Nature's business in her own way (we'd even restore the buffalo herds to the Great Plains if we could, no matter what they'd say in Grand Island, Nebraska, or Leavenworth, Kansas) we say no.

Something terrible is sure to result from such grand-scale tampering. It always does. Niagara has been handling its own affairs for millions of years and doing a pretty good job of it if you want our opinion.

The objection now is that it is wearing away chunks of rock beyond the power of the water to carry away so loose rock is piling up under the falls on the American side.

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**BEFORE ANY** renovation work is begun, engineers would have to dam the river upstream and dry up for the duration of the project Niagara's American Falls. Think what that would do to the emotions of honeymooners.

Conditioned by tradition to comparing the power of their love to the power of the falls, they might look at the dry, fall-less cliff, take another look at each other and decide maybe they made a mistake.

The honeymoon is a very impressionable period, and this could do irreparable damage to the whole institution of marriage.

One suggestion, which we think is almost obscene, is to shore up the cliff with steel and seal the cracks with concrete, creating a permanent, smooth falls, very like the one which Nature built on the Canadian side.

That is standardizing Nature and we don't like it.

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**WHILE WE'RE** at it, the Corps of Engineers is asking for more than \$1,000,000 just to dry up the falls. The big project of cleaning up Niagara's face is certain to take many more millions.

If that kind of cash is available, let's put it into something important like housing or job training. It should go a fair distance in that direction and helping people directly will do more good than building a ticky-tack tame Niagara.

## OFFICIAL NOTICES

Correspondents columns will be found on page 4 of this edition of the Labor Journal. Unions will find notices of important meetings called by their officers on page 6.

# Telephone workers set for nationwide strike

## Crucial hearing for anti-scab bill Monday

Assembly Bill 426, which would outlaw professional scabs in California, comes up for a crucial hearing next Monday before the Assembly Industrial Relations Committee in Sacramento.

The California Labor Federation had urged unions to put their legislators on record for a yes or no vote on the bill, and it was understood that committee approval depended on a showing of votes for passage on the floor.

Alameda County's three Democrats in the Assembly, Assemblymen Robert W. Crown and John J. Miller and Assemblywoman March K. Fong, have told the Central Labor Council they support the bill.

The hearing is set for 1:30 p.m., Monday in Room 2133, State Capitol.

AB 426 was introduced by Assemblyman Edward E. Elliott of Los Angeles, where the Hearst Herald-Examiner has been operating with scabs since December 16.

It is patterned on the San Francisco anti-scab ordinance, credited with keeping strikebreakers out of the daily newspapers during the San Francisco strike.

It makes it illegal for a person who has repeatedly worked during strikes or lockouts to offer himself for employment in a management-labor dispute. Employers would be prohibited from hiring such professional scabs.

Labor will be well-represented at Monday's hearing, as union spokesmen seek committee action to send the anti-scab bill to the floor.

## Finley won't talk; Musicians picket

After months of trying to get together with the Oakland Athletics to bargain for an agreement, Musicians 6 posted pickets at the Oakland Coliseum as the baseball team returned for its home season.

Owner Charles Finley said he didn't care to negotiate the union's request for the same live music arrangement it has with the San Francisco Giants, the Alameda County Central Labor Council was told this week.

The Giants entertain fans with live band music each Candlestick Park weekend. But Finley won't talk.

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## Cohelan, Miller, Edwards aid rights

When last-ditch opponents tried to sidetrack the new Civil Rights Act, with its fair housing provision, Alameda County's three COPE-endorsed Congressmen voted to save the measure.

Congressmen Jeffery Cohelan, George P. Miller and Don Edwards voted against sending the measure to conference with the Senate where it would almost certainly been filibustered to death.

That was the key House action and their three votes were part of an only 34-vote majority by which the bill was saved, 229 to 195.

Alameda County's Congressmen, longtime strong advocates of civil rights, were among California Democrats who voted right on the measure not to send the bill to the Senate.

Fourteen of the state's Republicans and no Democrats voted wrong, and just three GOP Congressmen from California voted to save the civil rights measure.

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## COPE candidates score in South County local elections

Four of Alameda County COPE candidates in South County voting were elected last week, to give COPE an .800 batting average in its first outing of the year—and the fifth came within a few votes of making it a clean sweep.

In Hayward, COPE's two city council candidates topped the balloting. Both are supporters of anti-professional strikebreaker legislation and their election reverses the council's previous balance against it. The voters defeated Arthur Phillips, honorary mayor and one of the councilmen who opposed anti-scab legislation two years ago.

Incumbent Hayward Councilman John Pappas, a member of Culinary Workers 823, took the top vote, 4,900, with COPE's support.

The other COPE candidate in Hayward, Mrs. Ilene Weinreb, was second with 4,549 to become the first woman ever elected to the council. She won in her second run for election.

Robert Plowright, COPE's candidate for Newark city council,

led all candidates with 1,252 votes, more than 400 above his nearest rival's mark.

William Lockyer, county Democrat, was second.

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## Building tradesmen at Sacramento

East Bay building trades union representatives were in Sacramento this week, studying legislation and urging labor's views on Assemblymen and State Senators at the State Building & Construction Trades Council's Legislative Conference.

The statewide session began Tuesday and was to continue through Thursday, with construction unionists from all over the state in attendance. They studied all bills affecting the construction industry and called on their legislators.

Conferees were urged to take vigorous legislative action to protect unionists in the new conservative Sacramento climate.

## PT&T, other Bell companies face walkout

More than 20,000 northern California and Nevada telephone company employees were ready to join a nationwide Bell System strike Thursday of this week after negotiations broke down on a final employer offer far below union proposals.

Communications Workers 9415, in the East Bay, accepted their negotiators' recommendation for a strike by a 6 to 1 margin. Other CWA locals voted to strike by similarly heavy majorities.

The nationwide walkout was scheduled by CWA members against Bell's Western Electric subsidiary. Originally set for April 12, the WE walkout was deferred until Thursday.

Northern California plant, traffic and accounting department employees' contracts have an anniversary date of last Monday, after which they were free to strike.

Another more than 20,000 southern California PT&T employees have been bargaining on contracts with a May 7 anniversary. They were to go out in support of Western Electric strikers' picket lines and were to take a strike vote next month, if necessary.

Strikes were scheduled on Thursday at seven other Bell System telephone companies throughout the nation.

PT&T called its proposal its "largest wage offer" ever, involving raises of \$4.50 to \$21 a week.

But CWA pointed out that only 153 California telephone workers would get the \$21 raise. They are in the top craft classifications, other members of which would get as low as \$5 with most receiving \$12 under the company offer.

PT&T's money offer amounts to an average of 6.79 per cent raise, or about \$8 a week, compared to the current \$12.

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## Mark your calendar -- Delano Day, April 27

Gifts of food for the grape strikers and promises to participate in Alameda County's big caravan to Delano on Saturday, April 27 are in order this week.

If you're going, the Alameda County Central Labor Council would like to hear from you. And the Labor Council urged a big turnout and generous food donations to make the event a resounding success.

Food donations should be taken to the office of the Agricultural Labor Support Committee at 568 Forty-seventh Street, Oakland, with instructions that they be held for the April 27 event.

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### INFORM LABOR COUNCIL

Caravaners should inform Labor Council Assistant Secretary Ed Morgan, at 444-6510 that they are coming and whether they have room in their cars for food gifts and other caravaners.

United Farm Workers mem-

bers have been on strike at big San Joaquin Valley vineyards for more than 31 months, seeking union recognition and contracts improving low farm pay and conditions.

They and their families need long grain rice, coffee, pinto beans, potatoes, sugar and canned vegetables, meat, fish and milk. If you can find green beans and peas in gallon cans, the

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# HOW TO BUY

**'Are you buying \$3 a pound noodles?**

By **SIDNEY MARGOLIUS**

Labor Consumer Advisor for Labor Journal

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Are you one of the many people now enthusiastically paying as much as \$1 a pound for rice and \$2.50 to \$3 a pound for noodles packaged with a few other low-cost ingredients?

The food manufacturers dress up these foods with flavoring and charge two to 10 times as much as they are worth in their original form.

We have "BEEF Flavour RICE A RONI" but without beef, and "Uncle Ben's Beef Flavour'd Rice." The leading ingredient in Uncle Ben's "beef" flavor is "beef fat."

Old Betty Crocker now offers us "Noodles Romanoff," which is really noodles with a little cheese and sour cream solids for the equivalent of \$1.36 a pound.

**BUT MOST** startling of all are the new Lipton convenience foods called "Beef Stroganoff," "Chicken Baronet," "Turkey Primavera," and so on.

Under these exotic names you get mostly dried noodles for as much as \$3 a pound.

Some of these new packages can fool you despite a new packaging law in effect July 1. The new packages show the weights plainly enough on the front face. But they take a great deal of liberty with the names ("Beef Stroganoff with noodles" is really much more noodles than beef) and with the pictures. These show good-sized chunks of beef, chicken, and so on, not the little chunks or flakes you really get, or none at all.

The new Lipton packages' sloping sides give the impression of a big box of something, notes John A. Occigrosso, Nassau County, N.Y., Commissioner of Consumer Affairs.

**ALL THAT** the big box really has inside is an envelope of three ounces of noodles, a smaller envelope of dried sauce ("with lots of tender chicken," the envelope says) and a tiny package of garnish.

The box lists the "cooked serving weight" of one pound, seven ounces. This is after adding in 2 1/4 cups of water. In less-prominent type, the package tells the net weight of the contents—5 1/2 or 6 1/4 ounces.

**WE COOKED** up some of these packages and carefully extracted the lean meat. The Beef Stroganoff, for 79 cents, yielded about three ounces of beef, which, with the minor ingredients, is worth about 30 cents. This means you pay 49 cents for approximately three ounces of dried noodles, or \$2.50 a pound.

You can buy dried noodles for 37-40 cents a pound.

The "Chicken Baronet" yielded about four ounces of cooked chicken. That's what they mean by "lots of chicken" for "two adult-size servings. This much chicken, plus the other minor ingredients of the "chicken"

sauce are worth about 23 cents. So you pay approximately 56 cents for three ounces of noodles, or about \$3 a pound.

**THE OTHER** manufacturers only charge about two to three times as much as you would pay if you bought the noodles or rice under their own name.

Betty Crocker makes it hardest to figure out what you pay. She charges 49 cents for 5.75 ounces of noodles with a prepared dried sauce. This comes to \$1.36 a pound. And you also have to add two tablespoons of butter and a third of a cup of milk, and cook this product like ordinary noodles.

Rice A Roni charges 37 cents for an eight-ounce package of rice-vermicelli mixture with "beef flavour." That's 74 cents a pound. The word "beef" is big and the word "flavour" smaller and less prominent. The "flavour" actually has more salt than beef extract.

Uncle Ben's "Beef Flavour'd Rice" is even more expensive—six ounces for 39 cents, or \$1 a pound (the price of steak). Ordinary instant long grain rice cost about 40 cents a pound. The beef "flavour" is mainly beef fat, salt, monosodium glutamate and beef extract, in that order.

Uncle Ben is a little stingy. He says his six ounces serves 4 to 5, while Rice A Roni claims only 4 to 6 servings for their eight ounces.

Lipton claims its new prepared foods like Beef Stroganoff provide "two adult-size main dishes." They yield about 3 ounces of lean cooked beef for two people. An adult portion is generally considered to be three ounces of lean cooked meat. Lipton also has developed a new type of measure; a "generous" cupful.

## Nelson complains over new tire

The "wide oval" tire which Firestone is plugging as "the safe tire," should be recalled because of complaints of potentially dangerous defects, U.S. Senator Gaylord Nelson declared.

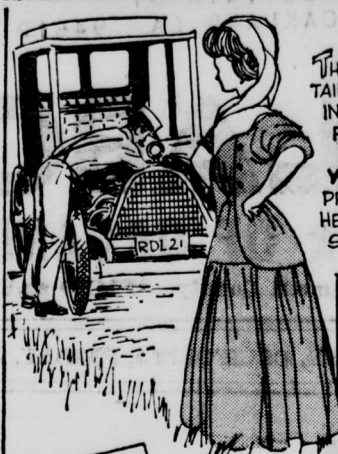
Nelson, a Wisconsin Democrat active in behalf of consumers, wrote the National Highway Safety Bureau, declaring that he had received complaints from motorists of severe cracking and splitting in the sidewall.

Firestone said that "to our knowledge, no wide oval tire has been called to Firestone's attention that failed as a result of sidewall cracking."

It said there had been some "sidewall checking" in production some years ago but denied that had anything to do with safety.

But, Nelson said: "I was shocked to discover how readily tire industry sources confirmed these reports about trouble..."

## What They Wore...by PHYLLIS JOYCE



### THE SUIT ROUTE

THE ANCESTOR OF THE MODERN TAILORED SUIT DESIGNED BY WORTH IN THE 1850'S WAS CONSIDERED FAR OUT IN ITS TIME, BUT WITH THE ADVENT OF THE AUTOMOBILE 50 YEARS LATER THE DUST-PROOF PROPERTIES OF THIS NEW CAR SUIT HELPED CONVINCE WOMEN THAT THE SUIT WAS A WARDROBE MUST.

### THE 1914 PEG-TOP SUIT OF LOOSE FITTING NAVY BLUE SERGE OPENED UP A NEW ERA IN COMFORTABLE CLOTHING. IT WAS AROUND THIS TIME THAT CHANEL BEGAN DESIGNING HER JERSEY SUITS "TO FREE THE MODERN WOMAN."



THE PSYCHOLOGICAL EXPLANATION FOR THE 1920S SUIT LAY IN THE STRUGGLE FOR FEMININE EMANCIPATION. MOST WOMEN HAD GAINED THE RIGHT TO VOTE AND HAD IMPROVED THEIR LEGAL AND ECONOMIC STATUS, AND THEIR CLOTHES BECAME MORE MASCULINE.

TODAY...WHEN BUYING WOMEN'S OR CHILDREN'S APPAREL LOOK FOR THIS LABEL—THE SYMBOL OF DECENCY, FAIR LABOR STANDARDS AND THE AMERICAN WAY OF LIFE.



FOR A FREE BOOKLET "FASHION AND YOU" WRITE TO: CONSUMER SERVICE, DEPT. WW, ILGWU, 275 SEVENTH AVE., NEW YORK, N.Y. 10001.

## What to do when faced with suit involving possible garnishment

When a wage earner is involved in a lawsuit brought by a creditor for collection of money and involving possible garnishment of wages, here are points to remember, authored by a member of a well-known labor law firm.

1. He must consult with an attorney immediately. Either his family attorney or an attorney referred by a trusted friend will be able to advise him on his legal rights and if necessary represent him in court. If the individual is unable to afford an attorney, he can contact the Legal Aid Society for help.

2. He must act immediately. In the normal case the debtor has only 10 days within which to file an appearance in the court.

3. He must not ignore the lawsuit. Failure to file an appearance within 10 days will entitle the creditor to take a judgment against the debtor in the debtor's absence.

4. He should not deal with the creditor, the creditor's collection agency, or the creditor's attorney, without having first sought legal advice. These people represent their own interests and not the debtor's, and negotiating with them will usually simply improve their position.

5. If the lawsuit involves a garnishment of wages, one-half of the debtor's wages are automatically exempt, and all of the wages are exempt from garnishment if they are necessary for the use of the debtor's family, unless the debt was for the "common necessities of life," such as food, clothing, rent, etc.

6. Regardless of what you feel

regarding your liability, there are a number of reasons why many debts may be uncollectible by the creditor. Only a lawyer can tell you what your defense may be.

## Food poisoning precautions told

Food poisoning is one of the most prevalent diseases in the world, second only to the common cold, and much more uncomfortable — sometimes even lethal.

It can happen in your own home or in the finest restaurant, so precautions should be taken.

Store all food prepared in advance and left over, in the refrigerator. Never let it stand at room temperature. Don't let hot foods cool off, or cold foods warm up, before and during serving. Hot foods should be kept at a temperature of at least 140 degrees F.; cold foods shouldn't warm to above 40 degrees F.

Be especially careful to keep foods such as cream and custard-filled confections and desserts, butter, mayonnaise and other salad dressings, refrigerated until serving. Don't eat them in a restaurant if they aren't cold.

Don't buy frozen or canned foods in damaged containers. Examine them closely!

Use eggs with cracked shells only as ingredients in foods such as cakes and cookies, that will reach at least 160 degrees F during preparation. — "World of Pretzels."

Look for the union shop card, ask for a union clerk to serve you, and demand the union label!

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## BOOST THE LABEL!

BUY UNION LABEL PRODUCTS ONLY

When making purchases, always ask for the union label. If building a home or repairing one, see that the men doing the plumbing or steamfitting work, painting, etc., belong to the union. Ask to see their Card. Boost the union emblem and help yourself. Patronize and demand the following union cards:

PATRONIZE  
UNION STORES  
DEMAND  
A UNION CLERK



## Getting Your MONEY'S WORTH

Consumers Union enlisted a panel of more than 500 men to test every possible combination of eight razors and 14 blades.

The panelists found two factors of overriding importance in their overall judgments and preferences of razors.

Most important was the ease of obtaining a close shave; next most important was the ease with which the razor could be moved about the face.

**WITH THE** help of a computer and some interpretation, Consumers Union has boiled the panel preferences down to four simple suggestions that should be useful to Mr. Average.

But, remember this: The razor preferences of some individual use - testers differed radically from the preferences of the group — and so may yours.

1. If you're among the four out of five shavers who use a double-edged razor, a single-edged razor or one of the new band razors, and if you're not satisfied with your shaves, try an injector razor next. CU's panelists preferred injector razors to the other three types.

2. If you're that one man in five who already shaves with an injector razor, and if you're not satisfied, try a double-edged razor next.

3. The new and highly promoted band razors probably would not make your mornings less grim. Band razors ranked third in general order of preference by CU's panel (and single-edged razors were least preferred).

4. If you still use a carbon less steel blade, you'd probably be glad of a switch to stainless.

If none of the above pointers leads you to the dream of a more satisfying shave, CU can offer only two more suggestions. The first: Check electric shavers (and their limitations!) The second: Stop dreaming.

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## Why aren't we living longer?

Despite abundance of food and better medical care, Americans are living no longer than their life expectancy 20 years ago, says Professor Jean Myer of the Harvard School of Public Health.

He blames high-fat diets, lack of exercise and excessive coffee-drinking and cigarette smoking.

## Active people

The only exercise some people get is jumping to conclusions, running down friends, sidestepping responsibility, pushing their luck. —Farmers' Almanac.

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## Scab-run Hearst paper hurting at the cash register

As Los Angeles labor's battle with the scab-run Herald-Examiner entered its fifth month last Saturday, Hearst was hurting economically but made no moves toward peace.

The Hearst daily, once the biggest circulation afternoon newspaper in the nation, had skidded from a pre-strike 725,000 daily to only 300,000 circulation.

Union leaders estimated the strike-lockout has cost the Hearst empire \$2,000,000 in advertising revenue in January and February alone, with a drop of nearly 2,000,000 ad lines in January from a year earlier and 808,108 lines in February.

But Hearst management had not yet responded to the offer of mediation by a panel set up by Mayor Sam Yorty after a request by the city council.

The Los Angeles Newspaper Guild struck December 15 when the Herald-Examiner refused to match wage gains of the Guild at a Long Beach paper, a fifth the size of the Hearst paper. Also on strike are Machinists and other newspaper unions were locked out.

Strikebreakers, including many professionals, have been getting the paper out since December 16.

Unions responded to Hearst's refusal to mediate by urging working people everywhere to refuse to buy publications of the rich Hearst Empire.

Strikers reminded union members that Hearst publishes such magazines as Cosmopolitan, Good Housekeeping and Popular Mechanics in addition to its newspapers.

While Hearst advertising slumped in Los Angeles, its competitors were profiting. The Long Beach Independent-Press-Telegram, whose contract terms the Herald-Examiner would not meet, gained 121,000 ad lines in February and the Los Angeles Times was up more than 420,000 lines, Media Records, an advertising journal, reported.

## Scavenger talks underway today

Representatives of striking Contra Costa scavengers were to meet employer negotiators today and — hopefully — get a new answer on their wage proposals.

Negotiators for Teamster 315 met employer spokesmen Monday in a session with a federal conciliator. The union said that employer representatives agreed to take the union's wage proposals back to the struck firms for another look.

Local 315 wants the same pay increases it gained at the Richmond Sanitary Company.

Union members struck a month ago at 12 firms in central and eastern Contra Costa County.

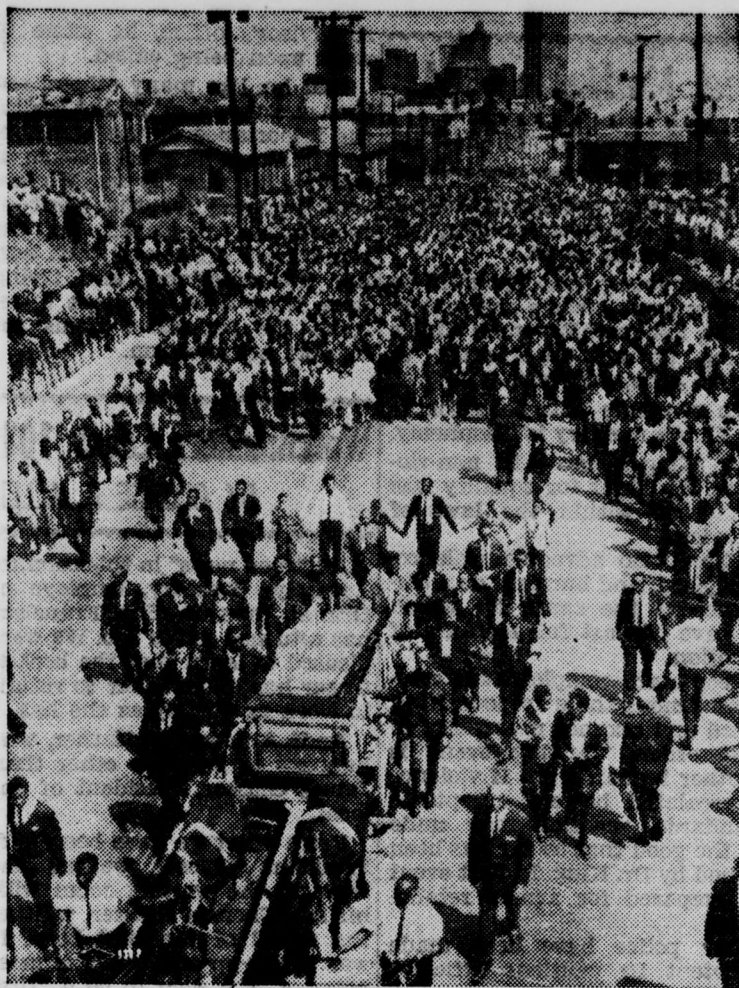
## Deansgate signs; boycott lifted

Striking cutters at the Deansgate men's wear firm in New Orleans have won a settlement after three months on the picket line and their union lifted its nationwide Deansgate boycott.

Agreement between the firm and the Amalgamated Clothing Workers was reached late last week, the union's Bay Area office reported.

The cutters' success was seen as a significant advance in the Amalgamated's drive to organize low wage Southern workers and secure decent pay and conditions for them.

Tell 'em you saw it in the East Bay Labor Journal!



SYMBOLIC of Dr. Martin Luther King's concern for the poor, a mule-drawn wagon carried his body to its burial place in Atlanta, followed by thousands of marchers. More than 60,000 mourners, white and Negro, earlier had marched through the streets of Memphis in a memorial to the murdered civil rights leader.

## Building Service incumbents win

Members of Building Service 18 returned top incumbents to office in union balloting last week.

President Ben J. Tusi and Vice President General Self were re-elected without opposition and Secretary and Business Representative Victor E. Brandt was re-elected over opposition by E. Thompson.

Treasurer Fannie Durfee and Sergeant-at-Arms George Muha were re-elected, defeating Edna E. Lallement and George E. Standley, respectively.

Elected to the executive committee were George Burke, Emil DuBeau, Charles R. Garner, Jerry Lenihan and Fred D. Studiger. Burke was opposed by Veda Davis.

Inez Drennen and Irvin Mars were elected to the trustee committee without opposition.

Brandt, DuBeau and Tusi were named delegates to the Alameda County Central Labor Council and the BSE international convention. Philip E. Stephens was named alternate delegate, defeating W. Douglas Geldert.

## Cohelan tells of new job project

A \$443,220 Neighborhood Youth Corps project to provide work experience for 845 East Bay students has been approved by the Department of Labor, Congressman Jeffery Cohelan has announced.

The project, sponsored by the Alameda County Youth Opportunities Board, will receive \$385,470 of its funds from the Federal government.

The Corps, Cohelan pointed out, provides young people from 16 to 21 with part-time and nearly full-time jobs, in most cases allowing them to remain in school or to return to school if they have dropped out.

Enrollees perform services that would not otherwise have been rendered and their jobs must result in better services and improved facilities for the public.

The new project will provide work for 260 students in school, 117 who are out of school and 468 summer students.

## Miller campaign party

Assemblyman John J. Miller will be the guest of honor at a party on Friday, April 19, beginning at 9 p.m. at 2128 10th Street, Berkeley. Donation is \$1. Proceeds will go to the campaign fund for the re-election of Assemblyman Miller.

## Civil rights, fair housing bill passes, signed by President

As Dr. Martin Luther King was being buried, the House Rules Committee finally reported the Civil Rights Act of 1968 to the floor where it was quickly enacted and sent to the President.

President Johnson, who had asked for the legislation months ago, signed the labor-backed bill which gives the country its first nationwide fair housing law. Its terms mean that discrimination in sale or rental of 80 per cent of the nation's housing will be outlawed by 1970.

### STIFFER PENALTIES

The measure also imposes stiffer penalties for offenses against civil rights workers, makes it a federal crime to use interstate facilities with intent to riot or incite riots and—belated justice—extends constitutional guarantees to all American Indians.

It was given practically no chance before the murder of Dr. King, and even after it moved to the floor, it had last-ditch opposition by almost 200 Congressmen.

Dixiecrat Congressman William M. Colmer, of Mississippi, Rules Committee chairman and an opponent of the bill, made it plain he felt that Dr. King's death was the factor which broke the bill out of the committee. Only the assassination, he said, made it possible to muster votes needed to get the bill out of committee.

Colmer, who had kept the bill bottled up in the committee, with Republican support, said he was "disappointed" that it got out.

Two Californians, B. F. Sisk, a Fresno Democrat, and H. Allen Smith, Los Angeles Republican voting to send the bill to a House-Senate conference, but the committee rejected that delaying move by one vote, 8 to 7.

Then it voted, 9 to 6, to send

the bill to the floor, where it again faced the hurdle of a move to send it to conference, a move which would have slowed action and possibly brought amendments or even killed the measure.

The House refused to send it to conference by a narrow 229-135 vote, then passed it by 250 to 171.

Its fair housing provisions forbid discrimination immediately in sale or rental of dwellings owned or operated by the government or built with federal assistance since November 20, 1962. Single-family, owner-occupied homes financed by FHA or VA loans are exempted.

All multi-unit housing and real estate developments will be covered by the anti-discrimination provision next January 1, and on January 1, 1970, all public or private housing will be included with some exceptions. Exceptions include single-family, owner-occupied house in which the owner handles sale or rental himself. But he would be prohibited from discriminatory advertising.

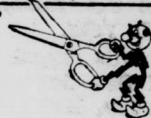
## Oakland Progressive Club to meet Sunday

The Oakland Progressive Club, made up of International Typographical Union members, will meet at 11 a.m. next Sunday at the Leamington Hotel, to endorse candidates in the May 15 election of Typographical Local 36.

The Progressive Club is headed by Bryce R. Dye, president. Other officers are John Mattox, Joe Drummond and Paul Nipple, vice presidents; Secretary Wilbur P. Leonard and Treasurer Ted Trautner.

More Helpful Hints from PG&E:

"Clip and Save"



## Old wives' tale #265:

"Cooking fuel causes kitchen grime"

Down the drain with #265! Steam's the cause of most kitchen grime. Grease-laden steam coats your ceilings, walls and curtains—not cooking fuel. So keep your pots covered while cooking and keep your kitchen cleaner.

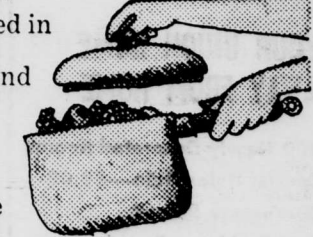


Also, don't use scouring pads or harsh abrasives on porcelain. They make tiny scratches.

Also, you'll do a lot less scouring if you use a timer. It'll remind you when to turn down the heat. So, no more burning and spilling over.

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## Steamfitters 342

BY JIM MARTIN

The employment situation for members of our Union is steadily improving as the Arthur McKee Company, Standard Oil, the C. Norman Peterson Company at Shell Oil and Sequoia Refineries, Albany Construction Company, along with various other small contractors are hiring due to shut-downs and some new construction work getting underway.

C. F. Braun Company at Humble Oil Company, Benicia, California, also continues to hire and will reach a peak of approximately 900 U.A. members by August of this year.

Records reveal that Local No. 38 of San Francisco has, as of February, 1968, 182 Fitters, Welders and a few Apprentices on the project. Local 447, Sacramento has 34 Fitters and Welders. Local 444, Oakland, has 1 man on the job. Local No. 228, Marysville has 6 men and Local 159, Richmond, has 11 members employed.

Our Union has 106 Journeymen Fitters and Welders, including 8 General Foremen and 25 Foremen. Over 60 per cent of our members employed on the project at the date are of Welder Classification.

Recently our Business Office received from C. W. Sweeney & Co., the Union's Administrator, official figures in respect to fringe benefit monies returned to various California U.A. Local Unions, through the reciprocity arrangements with these Local Union. These figures cover the period of January, 1964 through December, 1966.

Total amount returned was \$335,257.00. Local 447, Sacramento, received the greatest amount due to the fact they supplied more Travel Card Welders—\$71,031.36. Local 228, Marysville received \$34,257.00. Local Union No. 444 of Oakland received \$33,334.16. Local 38 of San Francisco received \$33,163.91, and tapering down with District Council 16, Los Angeles, and its affiliated Local Unions receiving \$21,476.93.

The balance of the Local Unions who received money, and the records to substantiate these figures, are on file at the Union's Business Office and can be reviewed for the asking.

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### Deductible fee

All but \$10 of your 1967 state passenger automobile registration fee, or \$11 if the vehicle is a station wagon, may be deducted from your state and federal income tax, the state Department of Motor Vehicles reported.

## Steel Machinists 1304

BY DAVE ARCA

Hi. The ugly pattern of lawlessness spreading over America, will one day touch us all.

Some young and thoughtless youths; some lawless and greedy adults, interpret Reverend King's killing as an opportunity to smash, grab, and burn.

To associate this behavior to Dr. King's memory is blasphemy.

Dr. King believed in non-violence. His fight for equality was conducted within the laws of America.

Those who advocate violence, bloodshed, and burning, do a disservice to the cause for which he gave his last full measure of devotion.

People are complex with emotions. Among these are love, hate, greed and sex, not necessarily in that order. "Getting even" is another human trait. If violence is escalated beyond acceptable standards, reaction may undo all the good that so far has been gained by Dr. King. In that event be prepared for armed retaliation.

Our police have been made impotent by cautious officials. What ever action the police provide, is immediately criticized by one side or the other.

Those who deplore the Vietnam War, ain't seen nothing yet. A Black and White War will be bloody, brief and absurd.

We hope we're wrong. But, the signs are obvious. People are arming. A simple act of anger can spark a full scale shooting conflict. The next news that comes to our ears may bring the sound of Civil War.

A word to the wise is usually sufficient. But, none are so blind as those who will not see. If we can't see the consequences of crime without punishment, we're not only blind, but blindly stupid. Okay? Okay.

## AFSCME Local 371

BY NAT DICKERSON

A hard fact of unionism is the need for qualities, in its leaders and lay members, which are seldom stressed, nor analyzed.

We believe one of the first should be some knowledge of the history of the labor movement. After acquiring such knowledge, we feel that in comparing the role which management has played in the past, there would be no doubt in an individual's mind, as to the necessity for some type of organized effort on the part of the working class.

Therefore, we feel, that the leaders, especially, should show such sterling qualities as self-sacrifice, a conviction of purpose, or dedication, and a vision of commitment to the task of directing as much effort as possible to the unification, or organization of working people for their mutual protection. ALL THIS WITHOUT PECUNIARY CONSIDERATIONS.

Some of this was in the writer's mind last Wednesday when he took to task a member of our local for failing to keep his promise to take off Tuesday out of respect to the entombment of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The reason there was wrath in the writer's remonstrances with this individual was because he approached us voluntarily to make the commitment and then through fear, or a desire to remain in the good graces of the

supervisor's office, he came to work upon being called.

Had he, like many others, not been concerned, or did not realize the importance of the occasion, he would not have been taken so severely to task by us. We are very grateful, for the spirit of cooperation displayed by the supervisor's office and staff during this emotional and trying time. Next week, we hope to resume the legislative items for support or rejection.

## Watchmakers Local 101

BY GEORGE F. ALLEN

All "good news" in this column. Carolyn Kosetky, employee of Granat Bros. in San Francisco has returned to her job. We were pleased to learn that the broken finger has allowed her to return to work as quickly as she has.

And! A new grandfather, who happens to be none other than James Glasser, President of our local.

From what we have been told, President Glasser walked the floor in the waiting room with his son Thomas Glasser, waiting the arrival of the first born. It was a toss-up who was the most nervous—the soon to be a "first father" or the soon to be a "first grandfather."

All settled down to a long awaited calm when it was announced that Gio, wife of Thomas Glasser, had presented him with a 7 lb. 8 oz. daughter, who will be named Marci Lynn.

The baby was born on Sunday, April 7, 1968 and weighed 7 lbs. 8 ozs. (We assume this is about the amount of weight lost by President Glasser during his "awaiting walk.")

Needless to say, every members knows President Glasser and joins with me and the office staff in wishing the Glasser families the very best that life has to offer.

## Millmen 550

BY ARSIE BIGBY

Brothers: All members who are working under the terms of the 1967-1970 Planing Mill and Cabinetworkers Agreement are reminded that there is a Five Cent (5¢) per hour wage increase, as of May 1, 1968. (Apprentices will get the appropriate percentage increase which in most cases will be less than 5¢ per hour). See that your Employer places this increase on your first pay check following May 1, 1968.

Also, for the members working under this same Agreement, your Dental Plan is in effect, as of April 1, 1968, provided you have worked 64 or more hours in covered employment in the months of January, February and March, 1968, for which contributions were paid by your Employer.

The Dental Plan is called: Mill Cabinet Trust, Dental Care Program, CDS Group No. 208, a plan of the California Dental Service. The booklets explaining the coverage and how to use the plan has been printed and is ready for distribution to the members. These booklets are going to be sent directly to the Employers, Mills and Shops, to be distributed to the Employees. If for some reason you fail to get one, check with your Employer if he has run out of the booklets, call the Mill Cabinet Trust, or the Union Office, we will see that you get a copy.

## Barbers 134

BY JACK M. REED

Brothers, the way big brother and his helpers are snowing us under with taxes and paper work it is only reasonable to assume that within a few years we will all drown in paper forms.

It seems that everyone has to be an accountant, clerk and secretary for the Government, State and County. I am relieved that we have passed the deadlines and have a few months before we have to worry about the cycle again.

The big style show will be held this Sunday, April 21, at the Hilton Hotel in San Francisco. The program will start at 11 a.m. with guest artists presenting styles of the coming years and all during the contests the platform artists will be performing. At noon the Apprentice Hairstyle Contest will start. The entry fee will be \$10. At 3 p.m. the Open Hairstyle Contest will start. The entry fee will be \$15. At 5 p.m. the Northern Division Championship Competition will be held. The entry fee will be \$25.

Each contestant must furnish his own model and the hair must not be pre-cut. The admission charge is \$2. Apprentices that are enrolled in a J.A.T.C. class and are taking this training will be admitted for \$1. Brothers, this is one show that you should not miss. See you there.

Brother John J. Mahoney, friend and long time member passed away last week. John had retired and was in ill health lately. We extend our sympathy to his family.

## VFW Union Labor Post

BY G. C. BLACK

Comrades, this is really a hard column to write this time. Did you ever think of having to, in a sense, put a V.F.W. post in an obituary column? Yes, fellows, I'm afraid that is the case this time, and the pity of it all is that it is all so uncalled for.

This post did not just die, it was slain. Strangled by the lack of interest of many of its members. Members who took the attitude that all they should do was pay a small amount of annual dues, then sit back on their haunches and watch TV while others tended the the business of keeping the post operating.

Well, here goes your unlimited blood supply for you and your family, and your insurance policy. Unfortunately, some of the more staunch members moved completely out of the state, some passed on to greater rewards, and others got far enough along in years so as to make it impractical, or impossible to attend meetings. That left us with just too few to carry the weight of so many "non-participants."

Those who were careless enough to let this happen to this post have, in reality, committed a double offense. It's a crying shame when any group of veterans, mostly union members, would not rally around and try to save the only "union labor" post in the V.F. W. in the state of California.

While some are trying this "shoe" on for size let me just remind you of another tragedy of your carelessness. This will also eventually put an end to our ladies organization as well. Some of you might not know it, but there isn't a better, more charitable, hard working group to be found anywhere. This means they can now only continue to operate for a period of one year, at the most, and even then not under the name of Union Labor. This writer is very sorry and ashamed to see this happen. It really is not a thing to be proud of, is it?

Well, that's it fellows, and that also wraps it up for this column.

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# AFLCIO praises anti-riot proposals; Nixon is critical

While Republican and southern Democratic leaders were disparaging a presidential commission's report on race strife, the AFLCIO hailed it as reflecting "long-held views of the labor movement."

The unanimous report of the National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders called for a huge national effort to bring hope to those trapped in black ghettos.

## ANTIDOTE TO STRIFE

Jobs, education and housing are objectives which the nation must attain for minorities, if white-black division is not to deepen critically in another wave of riots the commission urged.

AFLCIO President George Meany praised the "thrust" and "sense of urgency" of the report.

Veteran GOP Presidential hopeful Richard Nixon took occasion in a campaign speech to criticize the report for blaming everyone for civil disorders but ghetto dwellers. The report put a big share of blame for racial outbreaks on white hostility to Negroes.

## GOP, DIXIECRATS OPPOSE

Both Republicans and southerners in Congress had said the nation couldn't afford the price of the program urged by the commission.

The commission called for an emergency program to create a million public service jobs for

the hard-core unemployed. The 1967 AFLCIO convention and the federation's Executive Council's recent meeting had urged such a move.

This should be matched by a concerted effort to put another million disadvantaged workers in private industry jobs and training, the commission said.

Other recommendations in the 250,000-word report included a higher minimum wage and expanded coverage.

Meany said labor flatly rejects conservative charges that it is "impossible" for the nation to afford the billions needed to implement the program because of the costs of the war in Viet Nam.

## AFTERMATH OF RIOTS

The blue-ribbon commission was named by President Johnson last July after riots swept through Negro slum areas of major cities.

A bipartisan group with a non-partisan mission, the commission was headed by Illinois Governor Otto Kerner (D), with New York City Mayor John V. Lindsay (R) as vice chairman. Its nine other members included I. W. Abel, president of the Steelworkers and an AFLCIO vice president.

The commission warned that America is drifting toward a sharp division of society, "one black, one white—separate and unequal."



**GARBAGE CAN** receives donations to striking scavengers in Memphis, Tennessee, represented by State, County & Municipal Employees 1733.

Fifteen thousand persons attended the strike rally at which the collection was made. Strikers want union recognition and a contract.

# Ban all imported farm labor, Cal. AFLCIO tells U.S. hearing

A federal hearing on the wage rate qualifying growers for bracero labor got labor's demand for flat prohibition on importation of any foreign farm workers.

Bracero importation has been drastically reduced since Congress refused to renew Public Law 78, permitting unlimited importation of farm labor, but some braceros have been permitted under another statute.

## MORE JOBS, EARNINGS

The reduction in bracero labor, the California Labor Federation noted, has boosted domestic farm worker employment by 16,000 and increased their total annual wages almost \$200,000,000.

These improvements, along with the steady rise in farmers' gross income, said the state AFLCIO, have made it "overwhelmingly clear that domestic farm workers, growers and small merchants in rural communities have benefitted from the end of massive foreign farm worker importation."

The Labor Department hearing in San Francisco was for testimony to aid in updating the \$1.60 per hour wage which growers first must offer domestic farm workers to qualify for bracero labor—the "adverse wage rate."

But, the labor statement submitted for Federation Secretary Thomas L. Pitts and United Farm Workers Organizing Committee Director Cesar Chavez, declared that the law should be amended to "bar foreign workers entirely."

In view of the improvements since bracero supplies were reduced, the statement said, "and reasons of social equity and justice, it is our strong belief that no foreign workers should be imported into the United States this year or in subsequent years."

## PAY GAP WIDENED

In the years in which braceros

have been brought in to work on big corporation farms, domestic farm workers' pay fell from about two-thirds of manufacturing wages to around 50 per cent, the labor representatives said.

If the ban on importation is not adopted, the statement urged that the \$1.60 standard be raised to \$2.25 with a penalty rate of \$2.81 for work on such arduous crops as asparagus, dates and brussels sprouts.

And labor asked that the weekly adverse effect pay rate be 40 times the hourly rate to give domestic workers guarantees of hours, such as braceros receive.

If braceros are permitted, labor asked for establishment of the seven-member panel agreed to by the department and California Rural Legal Assistance to study and recommend changes in methods of certifying growers for foreign labor.

## Benefit rummage sale slated for April 28-29

The Benefit Guild of the East Bay will hold a rummage sale from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday, April 28 and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday, April 29 at the Firehouse East at 427 Twenty-fifth Street, Oakland.

The Guild aids underprivileged, handicapped and ill persons and assists charitable groups. Items on sale will include television sets at \$5 and children's clothing as low as 10 cents to \$1.

## AFLCIO aide on board

Edward J. Carlin, coordinator of field services for the AFLCIO Community Services Department, has been named to the board of trustees of the National Institutes on Rehabilitation and Health Services.

# NAACP supports union in election; court approves

An employer claim that the National Association for the Advancement of Colored Peoples deprived employees of a free election by endorsing the union was thrown out by a federal court in Richmond, Virginia.

The court upheld a bargaining election vote for the Leather Goods, Plastics & Novelty Workers by workers at the Baltimore, Maryland, Luggage Company.

Of the 144 eligible to vote, 134 were Negroes and the NAACP gave the union cause support in a letter and two speeches by its representatives.

"Far from diminishing the sobriety of the election," the NAACP's appeal to Negro workers to vote for the union "may have substantially increased the possibility of a rational, well-informed electorate," the court declared.

Baltimore Luggage employees voted for the union a year ago, 96-46. National Labor Relations Board certified the union but management refused to bargain, charging that the letter and speeches by NAACP representatives affected the climate of opinion unlawfully.

The letter expressed support for labor "because they have demonstrated that they are our friends and have helped us in our civil rights struggle." The speeches emphasized that "economic opportunity and personal dignity" could be achieved through unionization.

## Changing the slums

AFLCIO President George Meany says the responsibility for changing the grim conditions of the nation's ghettos "belongs to all of the American people." Meany said, "the American trade union movement has a contribution to make in this area and I'm quite sure we're going to make that contribution."

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# Hike to \$2 rate for sugar beet workers urged by Calif. AFLCIO

The California Labor Federation has urged an at least \$2 hourly rate for sugar beet workers, citing needs of the workers and the industry's favorable position.

In testimony before a hearing of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural & Conservation Service in San Francisco, the Federation noted that in the 10 years from 1955 to 1965, productivity in the sugar industry climbed 65 per cent.

The hearing is one of several to determine a "fair and reasonable" wage rate for 1968.

The statement submitted for Federation Secretary Thomas L. Pitts, urged adoption of a \$2 minimum along with a piece rate that would also guarantee a \$2 minimum for all specified operations, including hoeing, weeding and trimming.

The present \$1.40 minimum doesn't even apply to such specific and essential work, the State AFLCIO pointed out.

To demonstrate the inadequacy of the \$1.40 rate, Pitts' statement noted that:

• Figures compiled by the USDA itself indicate the prevailing wage in California agriculture is already \$1.61 per hour.

• The minimum wage for women and minors in California agriculture will rise to \$1.65 on February 1, 1968.

• The federal minimum will climb to \$1.60 per hour on the same date.

• And the present \$1.60 adverse effect rate set by the Labor Department may be boosted within the next few months.

Moreover, while the world sugar market price is slightly more than 2 cents a pound, Pitts' statement said that in the west, due to protections afforded the domestic market, the going price is slightly more than 10 cents a pound.

"While the protection granted the sugar industry is beneficial to some," the State AFLCIO said, "the benefits have not been shared equally."

This is indicated, the Federation said by the fact that between 1955 and 1965 man hours labor per ton of sugar dropped from 31.80 to 19.30, reflecting a 65 per cent increase in productivity.

During the same period wages rose only 46 per cent from 95 cents an hour to \$1.38 an hour, the Federation observed.

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# OFFICIAL UNION NOTICES

## RETAIL CLERKS 870

The next regular membership meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 23, at 9:30 a.m. at the Union auditorium, 6537 Foothill Boulevard, Oakland.

Fraternally,  
CHARLES F. JONES,  
Pres.

## TYPOGRAPHICAL 36

A special meeting of the Union will be held Sunday, April 21, at 1 p.m., in the Leamington Hotel, 19th and Franklin Streets, Oakland, to discuss and act on the newspaper contracts in light of the San Francisco settlement.

Fraternally,  
ARTHUR TRIGGS,  
President

## STEEL MACHINISTS 1304

Regular meeting Thursday, April 18, at 8 p.m. The Executive Board meets 6:30 p.m.

### IMPORTANT

Dues for April, May, June, July and August, 1968, are \$11. The \$5 increase was enacted at the Special International Convention in Atlantic City. It's to establish an International Strike Fund for all Steelworkers. In September, the dues will revert to Two hours pay per month.

Fraternally,  
DAVE ARCA,  
Rec. Sec.

## CLERKS, LUMBER HANDLERS 939

A special called meeting will be held Friday, April 26, 1968 at 8 p.m., Hall "G" in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland, Calif., to discuss our Coming Negotiations.

Fraternally,  
MEL TOMPKINS,  
Sec.-Treas.

## S.F.-OAKLAND MAILERS 18

The next regular meeting of San Francisco-Oakland Mailers' Union, No. 18 will be held at California Hall, 625 Polk St., San Francisco, on Sunday afternoon, April 21, 1968 at 1 o'clock.

Fraternally,  
DAVE HALL,  
Sec.

## SHIPWRIGHTS 1149

Regular meetings of Local Union No. 1149 will be held at 8 p.m. the first Monday of each month at 2085 Third St., San Francisco, and the third Monday of each month at 115 Broadway, Oakland.

Fraternally,  
JAMES ALLAN,  
Rec. Sec.

## PRINTING SPECIALTIES 382

Meeting second Friday of the month at 8 p.m., 2267 Telegraph Ave., Oakland.

Fraternally,  
JOHN FERRO,  
Secty.

## IRON WORKERS 378

A special meeting will be called May 10, 1968 at 8 p.m. for the purpose of nomination of officers and delegates to the convention. This meeting will be held at the Moose Hall, 1428 Alice Street, Oakland, California.

Fraternally,  
RICHARD L. ZAMPA,  
Fin. Sec. & Asst.  
Bus. Agt.

## PLUMBERS & GAS FITTERS 444

There will be a special-called meeting of Plumbers and Gas Fitters Local Union No. 444 on Wednesday, April 24, 1968, in Hall M at 8 p.m. on the third floor of the Labor Temple Building, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland, Calif.

### ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. The regular order of business which will adjourn at 9 p.m. sharp.
2. At 9 p.m. we will adjourn the regular order of business and go into discussion concerning our new contract proposal.

We urge all of our Brothers to try to attend this important meeting. In the meantime, let your Negotiating Committee know what is important to you and your family in our next agreement.

Be sure to make every effort to attend this Union meeting.

Fraternally,  
GEORGE A. HESS,  
Fin. Sec.-Treas.

## AUTO & SHIP PAINTERS 1176

Auto, Marine & Specialty Painters 1176 meets on the first and third Tuesdays of every month in Room H, Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland, at 8 p.m.

All members are hereby notified that the meeting of Local Union 1176 to be held May 21, 1968 will be a special called meeting for nomination of officers.

Fraternally,  
LESLIE K. MOORE,  
Bus. Rep.

## BUILDING SERVICE 18

Meeting date fourth Friday of each month. Regular meeting at 7 p.m. at the Cooks Hall, 1608 Webster St., Oakland, Calif.

Fraternally,  
VICTOR C. BRANDT,  
Sec.-Bus. Rep.

## UNITED STEELWORKERS 4468

Regular meetings held second Saturday of each month at 10 a.m. at Eagles Hall, 1228 86th Avenue Oakland.

Fraternally,  
FRANK V. MCINTOSH,  
Rec. Sec.

## GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES 3

General membership meeting Hall C, Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St. Oakland, the fourth Friday of the month, 8 p.m.

Fraternally,  
WRAY JACOBS,  
Bus. Rep.

## STEAMFITTERS 342

### SPECIAL NOTICE

Nominations for the unexpired term of Offices, Executive Board (1), Apprenticeship Committee (1) will be received at the Nomination meeting, which will be held in Hall M of the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland, California, on Thursday, April 18, 1968.

Election of Delegates to the California Pipe Trades Convention and the above offices will be held at the Special Called meeting on Thursday, May 2, 1968 at 9 p.m.

At the next membership meeting on April 18, 1968, the second reading of our By-Laws will be held and action taken.

Fraternally,  
JIM MARTIN,  
Bus. Mgr.

## STEELWORKERS 1798

The Executive Board Meeting will be held one week late due to the GOOD FRIDAY Holiday.

Executive Board Meeting Friday, April 19, 1968, 8 p.m. at the Local Union Office, 3315 E. 14th Street, Oakland, Calif.

Board of Trustees, 7 p.m. at Local Union Office.  
Regular Membership Meeting, Friday, April 26, 1968, 8 p.m. at Eagles Hall, 1228 36th Avenue, Oakland, Calif.

Fraternally,  
EDWARD M. SOTO,  
Rec.-Sec.

## CARPET & LINOLEUM 1290

The next regular meeting of Carpet, Linoleum and Soft Tile Workers Local 1290 will be held on Thursday, April 25, 1968 at 8 p.m., Hall C, Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland. Please attend.

National Conference deaths are now due and payable through NC 287.

Fraternally,  
GLENN A. MCINTIRE,  
Rec. Sec.

## PRINTING SPECIALTIES 678

Meeting second Thursday of each month at 8 p.m., Cannery Workers Hall, 492 C Street, Hayward.

Fraternally,  
AL CHASMAR,  
Secty.

## SCHOOL EMPLOYEES 257

The regular meeting of the Oakland, California, Unified School Employees Local Union No. 257 will be held on the third Saturday April 20, 1968 (Instead of the second Saturday, account of the Easter weekend, 12-13-14).

Meeting at 10:30 a.m.  
The Special Order of Business will be to vote on the motion of our last meeting on Saturday, March 9, 1968, in order for us to comply with the International Constitution.

The question is "Shall this Local elect as a Convention Delegate a person who is not a member of this Local Union?"

The Executive Board will meet at 8 a.m.

Fraternally,  
HAROLD BENNER,  
Exec. Sec.

## ALAMEDA CARPENTERS 194

Carpenters Local No. 194 meets each first and third Monday evenings of the month at 8 p.m. The meeting place is the Veterans Memorial Building, 2201 Central Ave., Alameda.

Refreshments are served following the first meeting of the month in the canteen for all present. You are urged to attend your local's meeting.

Fraternally,  
F. M. GLADDEN,  
Rec. Sec.

## CHEMICAL WORKERS 62

Due to the regular meeting date falling on Good Friday, our April meeting and election of officers and delegates will be held at 8 p.m. Friday, April 19, 1968 at the Niles Sportsmen's Club, 351 Castro Lane, Fremont, California.

Polls will be open from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. for the benefit of the swing shift workers.

Fraternally,  
JEROME JACQUES,  
Rec. Sec.

## CARPENTERS 36

The regular meetings of Carpenters Union Local 36 are held the first and third Thursdays of each month at 761 12th Street, Oakland, California at 8 p.m.

The office hours of the Financial Secretary's office shall be 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Friday this office closes at 1 p.m.

Fraternally,  
CLAUDE W. DILLON,  
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## HAYWARD CARPENTERS 1622

The office of the financial secretary is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays and from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursdays.

The stewards' meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. The stewards' training program will be held in conjunction with the stewards' meeting.

Our regular meetings are held the second and fourth Thursday of each month, at 8 p.m., 1050 Mattox Road, Hayward.

Our Social event is held on the fourth Thursday of each month following our regular meeting.

All offices of the Local Union will close at 12 noon on Friday.

Our meeting of Thursday, April 25, 1968 will be a special called meeting for the purpose of voting on "Shall the members of Carpenters Local Union 1622 assess themselves \$1 per member per year to support the 8th District Organizing Committee."

Fraternally,  
A. W. RICE,  
Rec. Sec.

## BERKELEY CARPENTERS 1158

Regular meetings are held the first and third Thursday of each month at Finnish Brotherhood Hall, 1970 Chestnut St., Berkeley.

Effective July 1, 1967, the dues of Carpenters Local 1158 are \$8.50 per month.

Fraternally,  
NICK J. ADFAMO,  
Rec. Sec.

## COM. TELEGRAPHERS 208

We are arriving closer to contract bargaining. The Company has started its program to condition the employees to take it easy.

Western Union President McFall recently pointed out that our average hourly earnings are now \$3.11 and that our fringe benefits equal or surpass those in comparable industries. The \$3.11 figure includes overtime.

As the act unfolds the scenes will change to show that we are part of a so called "Family." Papa will be shown as buried in budget problems up to his eyeballs. The children will be asked to be good little boys and girls until Pop can afford to increase their allowances.

The employees have budget problems too. They cannot afford to subsidize Western Union so it can purchase more computers and eliminate more jobs.

We owe the Company an honest day's work and should do our utmost to serve the public while we work. We belong to a Union to meet the Company on equal terms to seek the best possible wages and working conditions. The Company is staffed with high priced executives who are responsible for dealing with matters beyond our jurisdiction. We owe it to ourselves to act with determination and great unity in order to attain higher wages and better working conditions.

The Company's propaganda will be aimed at the members; not the negotiators. Ten negotiators can't close down Western Union. It can't fool the highly skilled Union negotiators. They can easily spot the gimmicks. When a Company official or a stooge seeks your opinion of a contract proposal it would be wise to refer him to the bargaining table.

The National Bargaining Committee will approach the bargaining table on May 13, desiring to negotiate a peaceful settlement. It will only take them a few days to see if the Company wants to get down to business without forcing the usual call for a strike vote.

Fraternally,  
L. ROSS,  
Pres.

Demand the Union Label!

## AUTOMOTIVE MACHINISTS 1546

The regular meetings of Lodge 1546 are held on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at the hour of 8 p.m. at our building at 10260 MacArthur Blvd., Oakland.

Fraternally,  
LEVIN CHARLES,  
Rec.-Sec.

## PRINTING SPECIALTIES 677

Meeting second Tuesday of each month at 8 p.m., Richmond Memorial Auditorium, Nevin Avenue Terrace, Farrallon Room.

Fraternally,  
TOM WILKINS,  
Sec.

## E. B. MUNI EMPLOYEES 390

HIGHLAND HOSPITAL 390GH  
Wednesday, April 24, 8 p.m., Union Office, 150 Grand Ave., Oakland, Suite 102.

FAIRMONT HOSPITAL 390GF  
Thursday, April 25, 7:30 p.m., Union Office, 150 Grand Ave., Oakland, Suite 102.

Fraternally,  
R. J. KRAUSE,  
Pres.

## BARBERS 134

Delegates elected to the 23rd International Convention in Miami, Florida are Ray Luciano, Jack Reed, Al Chamorro and Sab Carra-bello with Harry Hosac, Wm. Murchison, Hugh Dean and Floyd Bueno as alternates.

The petition to raise prices (third) did not have the necessary signatures and therefore declared illegal. A petition to charge pensioners \$2 for a haircut except on Saturday had its first reading, and will come up for a vote at the regular meeting in May.

At the regular April meeting Thursday the 25th, 4 delegates will be elected to the 60th annual Convention of the California State Association to be held Sunday and Monday, June 23 and June 24, 1968 at the Hyatt House, Burlingame, Calif.

Fraternally,  
JACK M. REED,  
Sec.-Treas.

## PUBLIC EMPLOYEES 1695

Regular membership and Executive Board meetings of Alameda County units of Public Employees Union, Local 1675, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, are held as follows:

**HAYWARD UNIFIED SCHOOLS**  
Meets at 10 a.m. on the fourth Saturday of each month in the maintenance yard of the school district, 24400 Amador Street.

**E.B. REGIONAL PARKS**  
Meets at 8 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month at the Lake Temescal Club House.

**OAKLAND RECREATION DEPT.**  
Meets at 10 a.m. on the fourth Saturday of each month at Brookfield Village.

**ALAMEDA UNIFIED SCHOOLS**  
Meets at 1 p.m. on the second Saturday of each month in the cafeteria of Encinal School.

**FREMONT SCHOOLS**  
Meets at 2 p.m. on the fourth Saturday of each month at Blacow School.

**SAN LEANDRO SCHOOLS**  
Meets at 10 a.m. on the third Saturday of each month at Woodrow Wilson School. The Executive Board of the unit meets the Thursday before each meeting at 7 p.m. at Bancroft Junior High School.

**BERKELEY SCHOOLS**  
Meets at 10 a.m. on the second Saturday of each month at Whittier School. Executive Board meetings are held at Whittier School at 9:30 a.m. on the morning of the membership meetings.

Fraternally,  
HENRY L. CLARKE,  
Bus. Mgr.

## Union contract pays

Workers in union plants receive more pay and benefits and stand a better chance of getting improvements in a given year than their counterparts in non-union plants. Vernon T. Clover, economics professor at Texas Technological College has found after a study.

# I AM MOVING

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## Farm workers need your help to gain their rights

Farm workers are at the bottom level of wages, have the poorest conditions and the least security of any sizeable body of working people in America. And they work for some of the richest employers, the big corporation farms.

It's no accident. They have been deprived for more than 30 years of the law's protection which requires employers of other working people to bargain collectively with organizations chosen by the workers.

For the first time, there seems to be a chance that the farm workers will share in this protection, to which they are entitled and which they must have to achieve decent pay and conditions.

Two identical measures in Congress, HR 16014 in the House and S8 in the Senate, will bring hundreds of thousands of farm workers under the National Labor Relations Act, guaranteeing bargaining rights.

The Farm Bureau Federation, representing farm employers, thinks these measures can be beaten by a "nationwide, well-timed and coordinated effort."

Their assessment means that long-overdue collective bargaining rights for farm workers have a chance—if we put on the kind of "well-timed and coordinated effort" which the big farmers seek.

Write your Congressman and Senator asking their support.

Write the two Californians on the House Rules Committee, Congressmen B. F. Sisk and H. Allen Smith, urging them to support a favorable committee recommendation on HR 16014.

One of the sponsors of this proposal to extend justice and industrial democracy to farm workers is Alameda County's Democratic Congressman Jeffery Cohelan. He doesn't have to be reminded of how essential the measure is, but after your have written your other letters, it might be well to send him copies so he will be able to point to the support for his bill.

The farm workers' history is one of valiant battling for their rights. But, because employers are not required to deal with their unions, these rights are still far from fully realized.

Passage of the collective bargaining bill is a must if the farm workers are to gain what other workers have. Failure to pass it will doom them to more years of hard, frustrating struggle.

## A new threat to your wages

There are ominous rumblings from various corners of California indicating that the "right to work" advocates of the compulsory open shop are not through making trouble.

One such corner is our own home bailiwick. In Oakland, a spokesman for the anti-union outfit says it is setting up chapters in major counties and boasts of intensified activity.

Many millions of words have been spoken and written by labor people on the need for vigorous political action by working people.

But nothing they can say points up the need for that hard, untiring labor political activity more than what the compulsory open shoppers say.

Where "right to work" has been pushed into effect, wages and benefits are lower than in states where unions are unhampered by such measures.

It's up to us to keep the climate unfavorable for them. That means political action. That means strong support to COPE and its candidates.

## His memory needs jogging

A former liaison officer of the Alameda County Central Labor Council—and former civil rights chairman and executive board member—has made a pair of astounding statements at a memorial meeting for Dr. Martin Luther King at the University of California.

The Labor Council and the East Bay Labor Journal, he said, have never taken a forthright position for civil rights.

He should remember how he and another Labor Council officer were dispatched by the council to march into Montgomery with Dr. King. He should remember how the Labor Council supported the ad hoc committee picketing of the Oakland Tribune for equal opportunity.

He could well read the Labor Journal, which over the years has vigorously supported equality and civil rights. In fact, he might read last week's lead editorial, which was written several days before he made his statements.

Let's Get to Work!



## OPINIONS - You Write 'Em . . . We Run 'Em!

### DR. KING FOUGHT FOR THE OPPRESSED

Editor, Labor Journal:

While the world weeps and mourns the assassination of Martin Luther King, this God loving man will live forever in the heart of man. This Apostle of non-violence did plead and fight for the cause of the downtrodden, the oppressed of the human race. His was a righteous cause in exposing the injustice, prejudice, bigotry and hate permeating our sick society.

As such he fought for an America of love and brotherhood, whose declaration "All men are created equal, is a fact not merely words.

Constantly speaking again violence, Martin Luther King spoke for implementation of the promises of The Great Society, the eradication of the slums, ghettos and poverty that cause the riots and violence afflicting our nation.

The slashing of War on Poverty funds he assailed as political guerilla warfare against the poor of the nation. As guest speaker at the Chicago convention of the National Labor Assembly for Peace in Vietnam, this prince of love Martin Luther King voicing his opposition to this barbarous war of attrition stated that while never in history has there been such a passionate and enormous popular resistance to a current war, the loud clear voice of labor has been missing. Today this conference is historic as it represents the conscience of the labor movement, that voice has come into its own, today it is being heard.

As he spoke out against war, bigotry and hate, this God inspired man, Dr. Reverend Martin Luther King, so too he expounded love, brotherhood and Peace on Earth.

LLOYD MAES  
Retired Member  
UAW 1364

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### WOMEN'S LEAGUE MOURNS DR. KING

Editor, Labor Journal:

East Bay Branch of the Woman's International League for Peace and Freedom adds to the general tribute to Dr. Martin

Luther King its individual expression of appreciation. Dr. King and Mrs. King were on the list of sponsors of the United States section of the League.

The WILPF is one of the oldest of the peace organizations; it was formed in 1915 with the great humanitarian, Jane Addams, as one of its founders. It has been international in membership and scope of interests and completely integrated since its inception. Its program of education and work for non-violent means of social change is in accord with the principles of Dr. King.

We, its members, share the common sorrow and consternation at the murder of Dr. King. We consider, however, that the effectual memorial to him is not in eulogies but in faithful striving to achieve the purposes to which he was dedicated and for which he died.

BERNICE E. HARDING

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### BUILD ALLIANCE

"... Next year (1968), the rightwing forces will seek to capture the White House. They will take advantage of the confusion over Viet Nam and the riots in our cities to further divide the progressive forces of our country that must work together for social and economic justice. They may be some defections from the liberal coalition. But the strong base of that coalition — as we have seen in the legislative history of the past five years—is the alliance of the labor and Negro movements. That alliance must be strengthened in 1968. We must allow nothing to weaken it." — A. Philip Randolph.

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### WHICH ELEPHANT

The elephant has a thick skin, a head full of ivory, and as everyone who has seen a circus parade knows, proceeds best by grasping the tail of its predecessor.—Adlai E. Stevenson.

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### ONE EXCEPTION

I like Republicans, have grown up with them, worked with them, and would trust them with anything in the world—except public office.—Adlai E. Stevenson.

HENRY K. MYLER

### THE ALTERNATIVES ARE TOO SIMPLE

Editor, Labor Journal:

I would like to commend you for publishing the letter from Kenneth H. McClaran in the April 12 issue of the East Bay Labor Journal.

A diatribe such as his should do more to awaken complacent union members to the virulent poison in the minds of the far-right, Birch-oriented super-patriots than any arguments that could be expounded by moderate or liberal persons.

Of course, the whole argument of Mr. McClaran falls apart on its insistence on only two alternatives. You are either a Bircher or a Communist. You are his definition of a good American or you spit on the American flag and are a bad American. You do not criticize policies or political decisions or you raise the Red Flag over the Labor Temple.

He leaves no middle ground for the vast majority of Americans who find the policies and programs of Communism and Birchism equally abhorrent. Totalitarianism, under any guise, is anathema to those principles of democracy which we hold dear.

Your forbearance is laudable, Mr. Editor. Or perhaps you are laughing up your sleeve.

LESLIE I. SHERWOOD,  
Oakland Typographical  
Union 36

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### DO NOT FORGET DR. KING'S DEATH

Editor, Labor Journal:

At a meeting of East Oakland residents the suggestion was made that the death of Dr. King should not be quickly forgotten.

Therefore, the public should be reminded that voluntary observance of his death should be continued for at least 30 days, that it, until May 4. Those of you who have been flying the black streamers on your cars or wearing black ties, or flying your flags at half mast, please continue to do so. This will remind us all to help change the conditions that produced this death.





**THE FIRST MAN** to benefit from News Vendors 768's new severance pay contract provision with the Oakland Tribune is Harry Catherwood, 67, who has sold papers in downtown Oakland for 33 years. Catherwood, second from left, got a \$3,600 check from Tribune Circulation Manager W. T. Ortman. Local 768 President Ed Yotter and Executive Secretary-Treasurer Richard K. Groulx of the Alameda County Central Labor Council look on. The Labor Council aided the News Vendors in negotiating for the new agreement, which raises pay and makes severance payments when employees retire, are laid off or die.

## Nobody gets rich selling papers -- but union helps a lot

Harry Catherwood remembers when he stood on Oakland street-corners back in 1935, selling daily papers for \$3.50 a week plus 1 cent per sale — with no shelter in all sorts of weather.

That was before News Vendors 768 got organized and began to win a little better break for the men who "sell you your newspaper." Because of the union's value to the low-income group it represents, he urges other union members to buy their papers from union vendors, whom they'll recognize by the green union button.

### FIRST TO BENEFIT

Catherwood is the first to benefit from their newest gain—a unique severance pay arrangement in a new contract negotiated last month with the help of the Alameda County Central Labor Council. Local 768 was prepared to strike if it did not get a satisfactory settlement.

He has just retired, and his severance came to \$3,600, representing the maximum of 60 weeks pay at two weeks per year of service.

Nobody gets rich selling papers, Catherwood concedes, but vendors were a lot worse off before they got their union.

In order to make a bare living,

## Talks resumed in Machinist strike

Negotiations resumed this week between Machinists representatives and the California Metal Trades Association for the first time since 9,000 union members struck on April 1.

New talks got underway after a brief meeting last week with federal conciliators, as the May 1 contract expiration date approached for another 7,000 Machinist members at a number of non-CMTA plants.

More than 100 plants, representing approximately one-third of the Bay Area manufacturing industry, were struck. Most were CMTA members, including 29 Alameda County firms employing 1,300 workers, and a number of large independent firms were also involved.

Some 10,000 other employees were respecting Machinist picket lines.

The Machinists struck after management refused to modify a wage offer which had been overwhelmingly rejected by the membership in March.

a vendor had to sell at least 100 papers a day at the \$3.50 weekly "bonus" and 1 cent per paper, he recalls.

Then in 1937, management told the vendors that the \$3.50 would no longer be paid.

Local 768 went on strike in May and stayed out until November, he remembers. Catherwood and many other strikers had to go on public assistance during the strike, but they came back to work with a \$12 weekly guarantee and 2 cents per paper.

The union gained improvements over the years. One major one, he remembers, came in 1950 when management agreed to furnish the streetcorner shelters from which the vendors now sell their papers.

In his years on the job, Catherwood has always sold the Oakland Tribune, starting at Grand Avenue and Broadway, then being shifted to Twelfth Street and Broadway and finally to Nineteenth Street and Broadway.

Pay is still far from extravagant, but the new contract boosts the guarantee to \$60 a week this year, \$62.50 next and \$65 in 1969 and boosts the vendors' share of the newspaper price.

And the union has gained publisher-financed fringe benefits.

Says Catherwood: "Buy your papers from the man with the green button."

## Army base cleaner firm faces strike

Members of Government Employees 3 were set this week for a strike against Post Cleaners which has shops at the Oakland Army Base and the San Francisco Presidio.

The company, which operates on government contracts, pays at the minimum wage level despite a Labor Department wage determination setting pay at the Cleaners & Dye House Union scale, including fringes, Local 3 charged.

And, said the union, management has refused to bargain with Local 3, which represents the overwhelming majority of its 45 employees at the two military installations.

Another operation of the firm in Oakland is under contract to Cleaners & Dye House Workers 3009.

Tell 'em you saw it in the East Bay Labor Journal!

## East Bay phone workers set for nationwide strike

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trasted to the union's goal of 10.5 per cent, CWA disclosed. Some would get less than \$4.

Western Electric employees were offered raises which averaged the same in money as those proposed by PT&T.

PT&T made no offer on the union's proposals on upgrading, shift differential, time and one half pay for Saturday work, double time for Sundays and did not match the union's proposal on holiday pay. If holiday pay offer applied to time worked during an employee's "regular working hours" and involved only five or eight holidays, CWA said.

The union contested the company's claim it had offered improved progression for certain plant craft schedules and said its proposals shortened operator's wage progression by only six months and by a year for clerical workers.

Health and welfare improvements referred to in the PT&T's press release were negotiated 18 months ago to take effect at the current contract reopener, CWA said.

Local 9415's picket signs and picketing assignments were ready this week and it is to open a strike headquarters at 1201 East Fourteenth Street, Oakland.

## Alameda County's Delano Day set for Saturday, April 27

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strike dining room prefers that size as more convenient to serve.

Alameda County's last special caravan brought two van loads of food to the strikers and the aim now is to exceed that amount on April 27. Checks to the National Farm Workers Service Center are also welcome and are tax-deductible.

Caravaners will assemble at 7 a.m. Saturday, April 27, at 568 Forty-seventh Street, Oakland. They'll head for Delano via U.S. Highway 99, turn off at the Delano Central Business Exit, left on Cecial, right on Glenwood to Filipino Hall.

They're invited to join strikers at meals, visit them on picket lines and meet Farm Workers Director Cesar Chavez and other union leaders.

Those who bring sleeping bags will be welcome to stay overnight at Filipino Hall and make a full weekend of their Delano visit.

## COPE candidates score in So. County

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cratic chairman and administrative assistant to Assemblyman Robert W. Crown, was returned to office on the San Leandro Unified School District board unopposed with a substantial 8,557 votes.

COPE's other San Leandro school board candidate, David A. Creque, polled 5,073 votes but was nosed out by Nat Kleinstein, who had 5,309. Creque is a member of Oakland Federation of Teachers.

Pappas two years ago was one of a Hayward city council minority which supported labor's anti-strikebreaking ordinance.

Mrs. Weinreb, wife of a physician, has long been active for public housing and housing for the aged and pledged COPE her support to anti-seab legislation.

Plowright is a Communications Workers member and COPE delegate in Santa Clara County where he works.

## California COPE endorses in June 4 primary contests

Amid warnings that political action this year can be the difference between disaster and progress for working people, California COPE last week made its endorsement for nominations at the vital June 4 primary election.

The California Labor Council for political Education chose United States Senator Thomas H. Kuchel for endorsement on the Republican ticket and chose 77 candidates to support for Congress and state Legislature posts.

### OPEN ENDORSEMENT

It left open the endorsement in the Democratic race for the U.S. Senator nomination, for which former Controller Alan Cranston, State Senator Anthony Bielenzon and Public Utilities Commissioner William Bennett are the principal candidates.

State COPE's pre-primary convention at the San Francisco Hilton Hotel made no endorsement for President or Vice President in line with its longstanding policy not to endorse for the top U.S. offices until candidates have been nominated and are contesting in a general election campaign.

One recommendation of COPE's Executive Council was overturned by the delegates on an issue of labor's support of civil rights.

### OVERTURN RECOMMENDED

Delegates turned down the recommended endorsement of Congressman B. F. Sisk from the San Joaquin Valley's Sixteenth Congressional District on his vote not to send the Civil Rights Act of 1968 to the House floor from the Rules Committee.

Alameda County delegates supported the move in debate. Central Labor Council President Russell Crowell told the convention:

"The time has come when we have to have a little sense of proportion about what is important in this society. A man so obviously infected with the virus of racism does not deserve the support of labor. If he had a perfect record except on this issue, I would not be satisfied with him."

Labor Council Secretary Richard K. Groulx declared:

"I can't say that this is just one bad vote. It is a bad vote on the most important issue before us. I can't believe we should endorse one who won't vote for civil rights and for a bill supported by the AFL-CIO."

C. L. Dellums of the Sleeping Car Porters charged:

Congressman Sisk was a key vote to bottle up the civil rights bill. That means he voted with the racists. I won't support anyone who goes along with the unholy alliance of Southern Democrats and Republicans."

### ONLY DEFENDER

William O'Rear, Central Labor Council secretary in Fresno, was

Sisk's only defender. He admitted the valley Congressman has "some weaknesses" but asked delegates to look at his over-all record.

The convention left the endorsement for Sisk's seat open after rejecting the endorsement.

Delegates stood for two minutes in silent tribute to the slain civil rights leader, Dr. Martin Luther King, after they were called to order. And it asked the California Labor Federation Executive Council to take affirmative action for the striking Memphis sanitation workers whose cause Dr. King was supporting when he was killed.

The convention heard a report from State COPE Secretary-Treasurer Thomas L. Pitts, warning that "a conservative takeover of the Legislature would give major and perhaps effective impetus to the compulsory open-shop drive already underway in California."

Reapportioned Congressional districts "in some cases represent an opportunity for conservatives to further weaken the chances for passage of progressive legislation," Pitts added.

State COPE President Albin J. Gruhn warned that "the opposition thinks they are riding high."

"In 1968, California workers have their backs against the wall. Let us roll up our sleeves and go to work as we did in 1958."

A number of endorsements were left open, since local COPEs had not yet submitted their recommendations. The convention authorized Pitts to make endorsements in open districts after consultation with local COPEs, and to withdraw endorsements of any candidates whose actions should be "detrimental to the labor movement."

## Finley won't talk; Musicians picket

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ley said that all he wanted was a band on opening day and two other times during the season and could make do with an organist at other times, Executive Secretary-Treasurer Richard K. Groulx told the Labor Council.

So, with no negotiations and no agreement, Local 6 began picketing Monday in advance of Wednesday's home opener.

Finley, Groulx reported, says he can do without music, "since we came here to play ball."

The Musicians and the Labor Council held a press conference Tuesday to explain the dispute and urge strong support for the picket line.

## Farm labor speaker

Kerry Napuk, who has carried on extensive legislative activities for the United Packinghouse Workers will report on the current efforts to extend the National Labor Relations Act to farm workers at a meeting of Citizens for Farm Labor, on Wednesday, April 24, at 846 Solano Avenue, Albany.

## Reception for Petris

State Senator Nicholas C. Petris will be honored at a reception at 5 p.m., next Sunday, April 21 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Duffey, 2915 Piedmont Avenue, Berkeley. Donations are \$20 per person or couple.

## CLC trustee nominations

The Alameda County Central Labor Council will make nominations for trustee next Monday night, to replace Chet Ansley of Auto Salesmen 1095, who has resigned. The election will be held April 29.

## Printers to meet on contract issues

Members of Oakland Typographical Union 36 will hold a special meeting at 1 p.m. next Sunday at the Leamington Hotel, Oakland, to hear a report on status of its newspaper contracts and take any appropriate action needed.

The union is seeking to bring its contracts with the Oakland Tribune and six suburban daily newspapers to the level gained in San Francisco after the recent strike, as well as to improve contract language.

The scale committee of Byron M. Edgett, C. M. Petty, Charles M. Streeter, Jack Hill and President Art Triggs will present a tentative proposal for negotiations.

Sunday's special meeting was called by the executive committee at the scale committee's request.